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## World's Most Worthless 'Currency'



### The College Site

An intensive campaign by a large number of Torrance civic, business, and industrial leaders to win approval of a Torrance site for establishment of a new four-year state college in this area will reach a climax today as a local delegation appears before the board of trustees of the California State Colleges meeting in Long Beach.

With the statewide approval of Proposition 1-A on Tuesday's ballot, selection of a site for the new college remains the last major hurdle ahead of the starting date for construction of the regional school.

Selection of a site has been narrowed to two areas, a large tract of land near Sepulveda and Crenshaw boulevards which lies near the center of Torrance and near the center of the district to be encompassed by the college, and a site on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, near the southern limits of the college area.

Popular support for the Torrance site has been expressed by a growing number of Torrance area civic leaders, and by a number of leaders of the peninsula area.

The HERALD believes the Torrance location meets nearly all of the requirements set forth by the state officials as necessary to the proper operation of the college.

The area is within a short distance of two major freeways, it is on two major regional highways and has state highways within a two-mile radius on three sides, is handy for utilities, public transportation, and commercial areas.

The HERALD recommends strongly that the board of trustees for State Colleges in California give serious consideration to the selection of the Torrance site for the new college. It will be a determination which will accrue benefits for Torrance and for California for decades to come.

### ROYCE BRIER

## Several Enigmas Remain In the Cuban Situation

Some unexplained circumstances crop up in retrospect in our Cuban situation, and while we must support our position in general, we are not enjoined from discussion.

Some weeks ago in replying to a demand for action by his critics, President Kennedy said there was no evidence yet that the Soviet arms buildup went beyond defensive materiel.

This included anti-aircraft guns which fired ground-to-air rockets, and some aircraft. It also included tanks and other ground armor which may be considered defensive on an island.

But with his "quarantine" declaration, and establishment of a quasi-blockade, Mr. Kennedy announced the Russians are preparing bases in Cuba for medium-range missiles, 1,000 miles plus.

The reconnaissance pictures released revealed some launching pads differing from anti-aircraft mountings, but some revealed airstrips with planes interpreted as bombers.

You had been given to understand that bombers were okay, but ground-to-ground rocket pads were not. Yet when Mr. Kennedy issued his interdiction, you perceived that "bomber aircraft" were interdicted, and subject to

seizure (the interdiction was in effect a contraband schedule which must accompany a legal blockade).

The interdiction then must be presumed to reach back to the time the President was denying offensive weapons were being landed in Cuba, for crated airplanes were certainly being landed then, and the true nature of a crated plane cannot be determined by air reconnaissance.

It may well be argued a bomber is an offensive weapon, but so today is a very small plane which can carry at least one nuclear bomb in the kiloton range.

It must surely be conceded Fidel Castro's arms buildup

is offensive, not defensive, even if he had no medium-range missiles. He has a huge arms "over-build" against his Caribbean neighbors, who have but trifling amphibious or air capacity. Yet this "over-build" is useless against the United States, for a few Polaris submarines can knock out the island in 24 hours and lay it open to Yankee landings and occupation.

So the mystery is, what was Castro arming against? But maybe it is not a mystery, for lunatics like that must spread their lunacy to their peoples to stay in power. Then there is a little mystery in what is an offensive weapon—and when?

## AFTER HOURS By John Morley

# Random Thoughts While Traveling Over Nation

In the nation's capital you constantly hear "over-developed" politicians talk about under-developed countries.

Nehru and Menon, who refused to believe ill of the Chinese Communists, have learned the hard way that a Red is a Red is a Red.

The Pentagon is the most realistically patriotic crowd a reporter meets... not a world-saver among them.

Now that the elections are over we can laugh at some political antics. A sign greeted Kennedy in Chicago: "The Kennedys plan to invade Cuba by water skis."

One I saw in Pittsburgh read: "The future three branches of government will soon be Jack, Bob and Teddy."

On the bulletin board of Indianapolis Press club the sign read: "This as a democracy... you can vote for the Kennedy of your choice."

While in Des Moines to address the Iowa State Teachers convention, a large university president who preceded me offered this gem before 16,000 teachers: "Parents owe teenagers no entertainment... taxpayers owe them no recreation center... and the world owes them no living. It's up to them to make their own way, by their own bootstraps." Amen.

In recent weeks I have spoke at forums and convocations at Rice university, Baylor university, Wilkes college, and others in six states... and these campus visits confirm my conclusion, by the conduct of marriage-minded coeds, that college for women is an indispensable opportunity even without the education.

Also that smart college girls are bringing the feminine woman back with a bang. At long last the girls are again convinced that this is the only magnet that draws men with serious intentions.

Some of the high fashions I saw on New York's Park Avenue on women should more appropriately be referred to as high comedy.

After the theft of \$10,000 from the GOP-Eisenhower testimonial dinner receipts in Boston... an enterprising commentator "criticized" the extremes the Democrats resort to in order to win.

I heard President Kennedy in Pittsburgh spread the word again that we are not in a recession... so I guess we must be in the worst boom in history on coal and steel.

From the press gallery in the UN you get the impression that dark strangely-dressed people are taking over the world... and we and the Russians are like two fighting cocks, ignoring that the barn around them is burning down.

A Cuban delegate reminded me that the time to worry about Castro is after the Russians leave.

Most middle-class and wealthy women I meet in my club talks across the country appear to be bone-idle. They invariably moan about working their fingers to the bone at home without an apparent scratch on their manicures.

I meet more than my share of fools among the high and low from coast to coast... but the worst is the one with envy.

I see more and more million-dollar churches going up everywhere... many with \$100,000 plush parish houses

... and it makes me wonder whether we are dealing with churchianity or Christianity. Ironical to say the least... U.S. troops appeared in Florida, during the Kennedy-Khrushchev crisis, over racial integration problems with Cuban refugees... while the Russians were going to school with Cubans in Havana.

Vic-president Johnson said in Wilmington: "The remaining years of President Kennedy's term will be the most critical in history." The next day a Republican cartoon suggested: "The worst years in our lives."

The waste of taxpayers' money runs into the millions when you consider the number of political office holders who were out campaigning for months... while drawing salaries and expenses for work they were not performing... and using planes and cars intended for "official use."

I heard Harry Truman say in Kansas City: "It's a bunch of hooie to promise people a cut in taxes while increasing salaries of government employees before the elections."

I heard President Kennedy say in Cleveland that "the Republicans are against progress... always have been and always will be."

Across a store window a hurriedly painted sign read: "We are against progress... toward bankruptcy."

Now that the votes have been counted, we can release the official predictions from Washington on the California gubernatorial race... at the Democratic National headquarters they said Brown by 300,000, while at the Republican National headquarters they said Nixon by 300,000.

## We Quote...

"Why do they always take the prize produce to the county fairs — and never to the country store?" — W. C. Dugan, Vanceburg (Ky.) Lewis County Herald.

"A woman's idea of keeping a secret is refusing to tell who told it to her." — Gerald K. Young, Blakesburg (Ia.) Excelsior.

"Tact: Changing the subject without changing your mind." — Clarence Achgill, Oklahoma City (Okla.) Live Stock News.

"Success: Writing more checks." — Lynn H. Carpenter, Dundee (N.Y.) Observer.

"The behavior of many of the fans at ball games discredits the theory that peanuts constitute brain food." — Lee Batchelor, Sauk Rapids (Minn.) Herald.

"Heard a fellow say he was putting all of his money in taxes because it's the only sure thing to go up." — A. J. Steibing, Hollidaysburg (Pa.) Register.

"Many a family is dominated by a rich uncle's will power." — Ernest L. Henes, Wellington (O.) Enterprise.

"A clever woman puts his problems away for a rainy day." — H. R. Smith, Brookville (O.) Star.

### Morning Report:

Fidel Castro may have forced us to put a lot of mileage on our destroyers but it's the Russians who have to talk to him now. So that sort of events things up.

Or maybe we even get off with an advantage. The Russians have to explain the facts of life to Fidel and that's not easy. Any government leader who wears a pistol in his belt while talking with the secretary of the U. N. is not quite with it. The Russians are going to have trouble with Fidel until they take his canon away—personally.

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Abe Mellinkoff

### James Dorais

## Rejection of Spending Bills May Be Important

When the final list of the accomplishments of the 87th Congress is compiled, undoubtedly the single most significant achievement recorded will be the legislative branch's resolution of effective action on Cuba, which had no small part in influencing the President to take firm, if belated, steps to halt Communist aggression at our doorstep.

But, particularly now that the Cuban die is cast, and the probability of sharply increased military expenditures is imminent, Congress' negative achievement in resisting Presidential pressure for expensive new domestic programs may prove of equal, if less spectacular importance.

Among the new spending proposals which Congress declined to enact were:

Federal financing of public schools. A Senate-approved bill providing \$2.6 billion over three years for school construction and teachers' salaries was carried over from the first session of Congress, but failed to pass the House.

College facilities. Both Houses passed bills providing \$1.5 billion over five years for college facilities construction, but differences in the bill were not reconciled.

Youth conservation corps. A permanent program re-activating the old CCC program of Depression days which would have cost \$500 million a year by the fourth year failed of passage.

Urban mass transportation. The President's \$500 million three-year grant program for canal funds to big cities for mass transportation failed to reach a vote in either House or Senate.

Social Security Medicare. The Administration's medicare program, the cost of which would have reached astronomical proportions in future years, was rejected by the Senate, and failed to get out of committee in the House.

These, and other Administration proposals rejected by Congress, would have added billions in new spending authority. Additionally, Congress trimmed slightly more

than \$1 billion from the President's foreign aid program.

These savings assume additional importance in view of the current projections of a whopping \$7.7 billion deficit in the Federal budget for the current fiscal year.

When presented in January, the Administration's budget estimated a surplus of \$500 million. But instead of federal receipts of \$93 billion, as computed in the budget, revised estimates point to a total receipts of only \$85.5 billion. And the net effect of Congressional action on Administration proposals has raised the projected expenditures from \$92.5 billion to \$93.2 billion.

With 10 cents of every tax dollar already going to pay interest on the national debt, it is a major achievement of the 87th Congress, on the eve of what may prove to be a long period of national belt-tightening in the interest of the nation's security, to have held the spending line as courageously as it did.

## Golden Girl of the West Near as Nation's Leader

By SETH H. MOSLEY 2nd  
Her physical measurements are oh my!—and she's still bustin' out all over. What's more, she's rich. Her motto is typical: "Eureka, I Have Found It." She's the Golden Girl of the West. She's California...

Why the lyrics? Any hour now, the Census Bureau will reportedly confirm California as the most populous of the states. In overtaking New York, it will pass its Eastern competitor at a level of just over 17.3 million souls.

To understate the case, her measurements are fabulous. California has the world's largest city in area, Los Angeles; has the most houses (more than 6 million) of any state; the most automobiles (9.2 million) and the most miles of state highway (145,599) on which 10.3 persons

are slain daily in traffic accidents...

California's 1961 personal income was \$45 billion, second only to New York State. It's made up of cow counties, luxuriant suburbs, irrigated lands yielding more profits per acre than anything in Kansas or Nebraska—and a cruel, almost uninhabited desert bigger than all of New England...

More than 1,600 Americans from other states are heading daily for the state to which explorer Hernando Cortez gave her name 427 years ago. Mostly they're pointing toward the City of the Angels — called, by the cynics, 40 suburbs looking for a city. That's Los Angeles...

In one century, LA has grown from a village into the nation's third city. There are

### The Old Timer



Being poor has its advantages. The car keys are never in your other pants.

### Our Man Hoppe

## The Distinction Is Quite Clear

Art Hoppe

Are we all still here? Good. The reason I'm delighted is we can now proceed to clear up a slight amount of confusion over Mr. Kennedy's Cuba policy. A few fuzzy thinkers still can't see the difference between those Russian missiles in Cuba aimed at America's heartland and our missiles in Turkey aimed at Russia's heartland. And they'd even suggest a swap.

The Pentagon has done its best to set the record straight. "There is a very, very basic difference," announced an official Pentagon spokesman at an official Pentagon briefing. And he explained how our offensive missiles in Turkey are really defensive. While their offensive missiles in Cuba are, of course, offensive.

This seems perfectly clear to me: We have good missiles. They have bad missiles. And would we swap good for bad? Nonsense.

But to clarify this important distinction once and for all, I'm proud to present an exclusive interview with the military analyst of U. S. News and World Report, Corporal Homer Pettibone, U. S. Army Flying Corps (retired).

Q—Corporal Pettibone, could you explain the technological difference between good missiles and bad missiles in laymen's terms? For example, do bad missiles have pointier warheads?

A—Not necessarily. Nor is it invariably true that good missiles are white and bad missiles black. Actually, it takes a highly trained expert to note the many minor differences in silhouette, bolt holes and rivet heads while the two types of missiles are still on the ground.

Q—I take it, then, the major differences appear after launching?

A—Precisely. The two types of missiles have totally different flight characteristics and sound frequencies, both clearly observable even by the most inept laymen.

Q—Very interesting.

A—Yes. Tests at our proving grounds have shown conclusively that good missiles are those that fly away from you. While bad missiles are those that fly toward you. Therefore, due to the Doppler effect, bad missiles create a wail of rising frequency while traveling through the atmosphere. And the opposite holds for good missiles.

Q—A little technical, but understandable. Is there any difference in the explosions these two types of missiles make on striking the targets?

A—Most definitely. Bad missiles, on impact, create a noise in the multimillion decibel range. But the blast of good missiles, as numerous studies have proved, actually cannot be heard by the naked ear. Nor, due to the curvature of the earth, seen by the naked eye.

Q—Two points well worth remembering. Anything else?

A—Well, there is a highly complex difference in the numbering systems of good and bad missiles, which, if properly understood, neatly sums up the distinctions.

Q—What's that?

A—The bad missile is the one with your number on it.

